

MINUTES
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RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

January 12, 2012

Room 210 – 2nd Floor –1:00 p.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 1:00

ADJOURNED: 2:50

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Yvonne King

Board Members Present:

Rex Christensen– Chairperson
Alexis Nieves
Loy Ann Hunt
Ruth Potkins
Stephen Brown
Judy Nielson

Board Member Absent

John Bell

DOPL Staff Present:

Ray Walker, Reg/Comp Officer

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Welcome Heather Hatch

Mr. Ormond gave the Oath of Office to Heather Hatch as a new Board member.

Mr. Ormond also reviewed the Orientation/Reference Manual which explained the role of a Board member.

Approval of the October 6, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Brown seconded by Ms. Nielson made a motion to approve the October 6, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Exemptions / Fluoroscopy

Mr. Ormond discussed an individual who called in a complaint on someone who was working as an (APRN), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and running a Fluoroscopy Device and was not licensed as a Radiologic

Technologist.

Mr. Ormond stated after looking at the statute, it appeared there were no exemptions with respect to health care professionals or physicians who are not trained in radiology to engage in that scope of practice.

Mr. Walker read from the umbrella chapter which gave a little more clarity as far as addressing the issue but was still broadly defined.

Mr. Walker stated this was an issue that could use better clarification. Mr. Walker inquired on whether physicians obtain any type of radiology training to operate those machines.

It was determined that there may be those physicians that have not had the specific training in radiology. A discussion then ensued on what an unlicensed individual can do under the supervision of a physician.

Mr. Christensen voiced a concern on the lower end of the licensing spectrum (radiology practitioner) attaining too much authority with respect to supervising. Ms. Hatch stated that some states have a separate Fluoroscopy license.

Mr. Ormond suggested notifying the radiologic associations to discuss the education/training criteria.

The concern the Board had was the degree of radiation exposure from an individual who does not have the proper training. The Board determined that it should be within the scope of practice with the caveat that an individual would need to have the education, training and certification to do that scope of practice.

This will be further reviewed at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Investigative Report

The Board reviewed the investigative report from January 2011 to December 2011. The report included ten received cases, nine assigned cases, one administrative sanction-order, one administrative sanction stipulation, one administrative discretion, one citation issued, one consolidated to another case, one intelligence filed, one lack of evidence, two letters of concern, one unfounded case and ten total closed cases.

Mr. Ormond stated that if a complaint comes in to forward that complaint to him. This would then be forwarded to an investigator. Mr. Ormond stated that it is very important for a Board member not to become involved with that process.

Mr. Ormond stated that the Division would call on a Board member as an expert witness with respect to their expertise in the profession to aid in the investigation process.

Legislation

Mr. Ormond asked the Board if they knew of any pending legislation.

Ms. Hatch stated they are waiting on a federal bill with regards to Medicare payments which would reduce the billing rate through that process however the Board did not know of any pending legislation on the state level.

License Statistic Report

Mr. Ormond reviewed the reported statistics and indicated that there are about one third of the licensed Practical Technicians that progress to a Radiologic Technician.

American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT) Training Program

Mr. Christensen presented education material from ASRT.

Mr. Ormond stated the Board would have to go back to the statutory regulations of examination. This would require a statutory change. In order to approve a new education program. The Board would need to acquire the backing of the associations. The Division and the Board would take a neutral position.

Mr. Christensen then asked if he attained the backing from the associations and took this to legislation would it be acceptable. It was noted that Mr. Christensen as a member of the Board would need to follow the position of the Division and take a neutral position.

Ms. Hatch suggested if this would be a legislative action the Board should include the exemptions for licensure as discussed earlier and fix all the loop holes. Mr. Ormond reminded the Board that they would need to take the position of the Division.

These will be agenda items for the next Board meeting.

RA Delegation of Services

Mr. Ormond suggested that the Board find out if the other states have a model on (delegation of services) with regards to a Radiologic Assistant then it could be modified.

This will be an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

Audit Percentage for Continuing Education

Audit percentages on CE's will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENTS

ARRT Sanctions Imposed

Reviewed with no action taken.

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International Society for Clinical Densitometry

This was reviewed and emailed to the Board for further review.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Radiology Technologist Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing

Awaiting Formal Approval